

**From:** Sullivan  
**To:** Microsoft ATR  
**Date:** 1/22/02 1:00am  
**Subject:** Microsoft Settlement

TO:  
Renata B. Hesse  
Antitrust Division  
U.S. Department of Justice

RE:  
Microsoft Settlement

As a US taxpayer and freedom-loving citizen, I urge you to settle the case against Microsoft as quickly as possible, with NO fines, damages, or other punishment of Microsoft.

Like millions of other individuals across the country, I use Microsoft products daily, both at home and in my office. I use these products of my own free choice - I don't need the government to tell me what I should or shouldn't have on my computer, and I resent myself, or any other private individual, being characterized as some kind of helpless victim of corporate power.

Corporate power is actually financial strength; it comes from creating products for people to buy and use, and a company remains viable only so long as it provides useful products that many people choose to buy. Unless it is granted special favors by the government (which is improper), the only power a company has is to offer opportunities - in the form of products and services - to anyone wishing to avail themselves of the opportunities.

The U.S. government should protect the property rights of companies - not try to limit or redistribute their property because less successful competitors resent their market prowess. The government should protect free trade, and should laud and protect the accomplishments of companies like Microsoft. It is immoral to punish the successful for being successful! The entire anti-trust concept is an abomination: it is antithetical to capitalism and free trade - and to the United States of America.

Thank you for considering these thoughts.

Sincerely,

Daniel T. Sullivan, DDS  
St. Louis, MO  
Sullivan@tseinc.com

